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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Madam Chairman:

Thank you for your letter requesting that Secretary Clinton testify before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on November 15, 2012. Unfortunately, as I confirmed with your staff this evening, the Secretary is traveling on that date.

Secretary Clinton will be departing on Sunday to Australia to join Secretary of Defense Panetta, Australian Foreign Minister Bob Carr, and Australian Defense Minister Stephen Smith for the annual Australia-United States Ministerial Consultations (AUSMIN) to discuss security cooperation and other regional and global issues. From there, the Secretary will join President Obama's travel to Thailand, Burma, and Cambodia for the U.S.-ASEAN Leaders Meeting and the East Asia Summit.

We look forward to continuing to work closely with you and your committee on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. S. Adams', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

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The Honorable
Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Chairman,
Committee on Foreign Affairs,
House of Representatives.